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1. [REDACTED] the Chinese have almost doubled the size of Chien-chiang Oilfield, the only known oilfield in Southeast China. The Chien-chiang Oilfield [REDACTED] is at 30-28-00N 112-44-50E in Hupeh Province. No POL refinery has been identified at this field, but two new petroleum refineries are within 60 nautical miles (nm) of the oilfield (Figure 1). The Ching-men Petroleum Refinery [REDACTED] at 31-01-40N 112-12-45E, is 45 nm north-northwest of the field; the Lin-hsiang Petroleum Refinery [REDACTED] at 29-31-00N 113-22-00E, is approximately 60 nm to the southeast.

2. Not all of the area under development was covered on photography [REDACTED] but approximately 60 new probable derricks and drill holes were within the area observed. A total of approximately 148 derricks, completed wells, and drill holes have been identified in the area under development.

3. The support and housing areas contained 1,060 barracks-type housing units, 58 probable shop-type buildings, 365 support-type buildings, 121 support/storage buildings, 100 storage buildings, a large multi-wing hospital, two motor pools, several vehicle parking areas, at least six open storage areas, a large water transshipment point, and numerous vehicles.

4. The oilfield is served by road and water. The previously reported new east-west road under construction, extending from Sha-shih to Wu-han, was complete. A river transshipment area, which may serve the oilfield, was under construction on the eastern edge of Sha-shih, 17 nm west of the oilfield at 30-16-20N 112-17-10E.

*See also NPIC. PIN [REDACTED]
Ching-men Petroleum Refinery,
China, May 71 (TOP SECRET [REDACTED])

*See also NPIC. PIN [REDACTED]
New Petroleum Refinery Under
Construction, Lin-hsiang, China,
Jun 71 (TOP SECRET [REDACTED])

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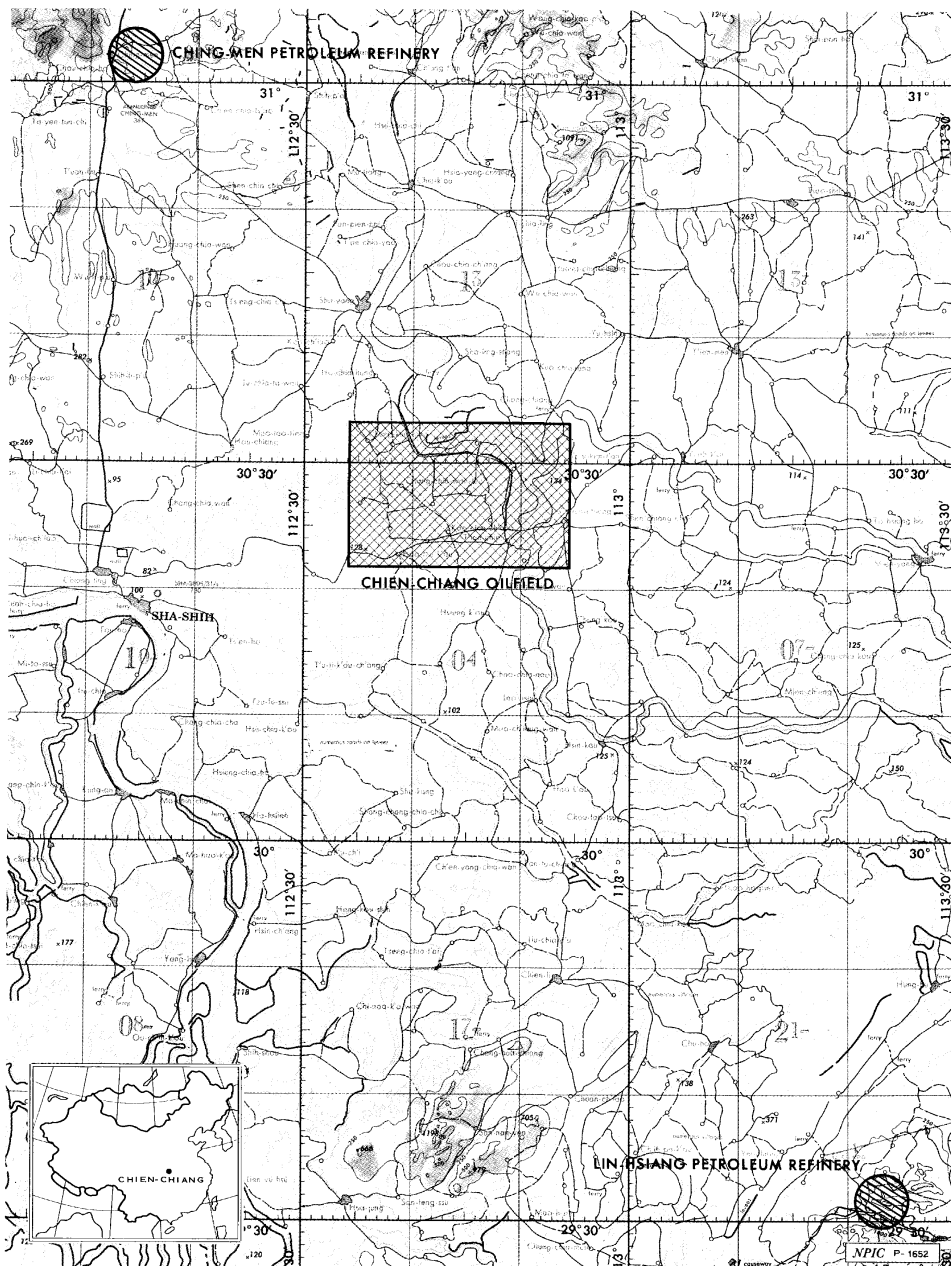


FIGURE 1. PETROLEUM REFINERIES NEAR CHIEN-CHIANG OILFIELD

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